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REMARKS

Claims 2-9 are pending.
Claims 2-9 are amended.
Claim 1 is cancelled.

Claim 2 is amended to incorporate cancelled Claim 1 into an allowable independent form, as indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed on June 27, 2006.

Claim 3 is amended to incorporate cancelled Claim 1 into an allowable independent form, as indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed on June 27, 2006. In addition, the recitation of Claim 3 has the term "preceding" has added to the claim for clarity purposes, as the steps being repeated are now in the claim itself.

Claim 4 is amended to incorporate cancelled Claim 1 into an allowable independent form, as indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed on June 27, 2006.

Claim 5 is amended to incorporate cancelled Claim 1 into an allowable independent form, as indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed on June 27, 2006.

Claim 6 is amended to incorporate cancelled Claim 1 into an allowable independent form, as indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed on June 27, 2006.

Claim 7 is amended to incorporate cancelled Claim 1 into an allowable independent form, as indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed on June 27, 2006.

Claim 8 is amended to incorporate cancelled Claim 1 into an allowable independent form, as indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed on

June 27, 2006. The term "a" has been added and the term "the" has been eliminated in front of the term "central controller of the first network".

Claim 9 is amended to insert the term "and" in between the term "certain frames transmitted on the first network" and the term "parts of frames transmitted on the first network".

No new matter has been added in view of these amendments.

1. 35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection of Claim 1

The Examiner rejected Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Ishii et al. (EP Patent # 0859490A2). Claim 1 has been cancelled in the furtherance of the prosecution of this application (in view of the allowable subject matter of Claims 2-9 by incorporating Claim 1 into dependent Claims 2-8). Please note that the Applicant retains the right to prosecute Claim 1 in a divisional of this application, if warranted.

Please any fees owed in connection with this action to Deposit Account 07-0832.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application is in condition for allowance. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' attorney at (609) 734-6809, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,

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